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For: **"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENSURING MULTI-THREADED TRANSACTION ORDERING IN A STRONGLY ORDERED COMPUTER INTECONNECT"**

ENCLOSURES

- 15 page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- 6 sheets (Figs. 1—6) of informal/ formal drawings;
- A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (signed/ unsigned);
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and
- An Assignment of the invention with an assignment cover sheet;
- Applicant claims small entity status (Under 37 CFR 1.27);
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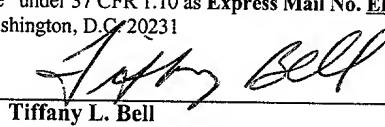
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- This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. filed (35 USC 119).
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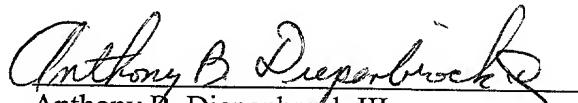
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